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2008 FILING SCHEDULE

For Maine Clean Election Act Replacement Candidates

GENERAL ELECTION: NOVEMBER 4, 2008			
TYPE OF REPORT	FILING DEADLINE (BY 11:59 P.M.)	REPORT PERIOD	
Seed Money Report	August 27, 2008	Date of first seed money contribution – date of certification request	
42-Day Pre-General	September 23, 2008	End of Seed Money Report – September 16, 2008	
11-Day Pre-General	October 24, 2008	September 17, 2008 – October 21, 2008	
42-Day Post-General	December 16, 2008	October 22, 2008 – December 9, 2008	

24-HOUR REPORTS

24-Hour Report Period (13 days before the election)	WHAT TO REPORT	WHEN TO FILE THE REPORT
For General Election: October 22 – November 3, 2008	Any single expenditure of \$1,000 or more. Orders placed with or obligations made to vendors for goods or services are considered expenditures at the time the obligations are made.	Within 24 hours, including Saturdays and Sundays, of making the expenditure, incurring the obligation, or placing the order.

FILING PROCEDURES

Electronically Filed Campaign Finance Reports. Candidates who receive or expect to receive at least \$1,500 for their campaigns must file reports electronically on the Commission's website. Candidates or treasurers must enter the required information and click "File Report" by 11:59 p.m. on the filing deadline. Candidates who lack access to the technology or the technological ability to file reports on the internet may request a waiver by August 29, 2008. The Commission will grant all reasonable requests.

Filing Campaign Finance Reports on Paper. For candidates who are not required to file electronically, each <u>original</u> campaign finance report signed by the candidate and treasurer must be properly filed with the Commission by the filing deadline, except in two circumstances. A properly signed report may be faxed to the Commission office at (207) 287-6775 by 11:59 p.m. on the deadline, provided that the Commission receives the original report within five calendar days. A report mailed to the Commission by certified or registered mail and postmarked <u>at least 2 days before the filing deadline will not be considered late</u>, even if it is received after the deadline.

Commission staff will be available until 5:00 p.m. on filing deadlines to offer assistance to candidates and campaign staff.